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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116 - EXPEDITED
PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Meyers Confirmation No.: 7067
Appl. No.: 09/464,039 Group Art Unit: 1636
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 63-67, 77-79, and 87-104 are now pending in the application.
Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101 Should be Withdrawn

Claims 63-67, 77-79, and 87-104 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 on the grounds that the claimed invention lacks patentable utility. The rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons described below.